(c) the details of fund allocated for the same for NER state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEEN. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The enclosed statement see below shows the number of Textile Mills functioning at present in the public, co- operative and private sectors in NER.

(b) and (c) The Government does not have any plan to set up Textile Mills in the country, including NER. The Government acts as a facilitator for the development of the textile industry.

STATEMENT

Textile mills Functioning in NER

S.No.	State	Public	Co-operative	Private	Total
Cotton/man-made fibre textile mills (Non-SSI)					
1.	Assam	5	2	1	8
2.	Manipur	1	0	0	1
Exclusive weaving units					
1.	Assam	2	0	1	3
Man-made fibre/filament yarn manufacturing units					
1.	Assam	1	0	1	2

U.S. Demand of Cut in Tariffs on Indian Fabrics

4869. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States has demanded a cut in tariffs on Indian fibres, yarns, industrial fabrics and home furnishings,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding

(MoU) was signed between India and USA in 1994. As per clause 4 and 5(b) of the MoU, India is to notify the binding at reduced levels for certain textile products indicated in the MoU. These textile products include fibres, yarns, industrial fabrics and home furnishings, besides others.

Sick Textile Mills

†4870. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Ministrer of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of public sector textile mills have been declared sick during the last three years;

(b) if so, the actual number of such mills alongwith the names of the States where those mills were set up;

(c) whether the workers working in those textile mills have become jobless on account of their closure;

(d) if so, the total number of such jobless workers; and

(e) what are Government plan's to re-employ those workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir, 8 subsidiaries of NTC were refered to and declared sick during 1993-94. BIC and its Cotton Subsidiaries also declared such during 1992-93. A statement giving State-wise number of mills enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) to (e) Except Ajudhia Textiles Mill, Azadpur which was closed as per the Supreme Court's order on Polluting Industries after paying compensation to the workers as per the Court order, no other mill of NTC has been closed and as such no worker has been rendered jobless.

STATEMENT

Number of Sick NTC & BIC Mills, State-wise

S.No.	State	No. of Mills
1.	Punjab	5
2.	Rajasthan	4

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.